

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

application of:

Ammar RAYES et al.

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Examiner: TRAN, Tongoc

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For: **POLICY-BASED NETWORK SECURITY  
MANAGEMENT**

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**REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION****WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2006, the shortened statutory period for which runs until August 16, 2006, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein. A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently herewith.

- **Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 2.
- **Remarks** begin at page 12.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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